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US '468 issued from copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/610,377 filed July 5, 2000, which was cited in the parent application.

JP '767 was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed September 13, 2000, in the parent application.

US '771, US '055, US '821, US '694 and US '351 were cited by the Examiner in a Notice of Allowability dated October 3, 2001, in the parent application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		2775767	05/1998	JAPAN			YES

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